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TRADING AREA

Wedding Bells

BLADES—LEVAGOOD

In the Central United Church in Calgary, on Friday evening, December 20th, the marriage of Cpl. Marion E., youngest daughter of Mr. Levagoood, of Didsbury, to Sgt. Roy L. Blades, of Calgary, formerly of Irma.

A reception was held in the Palliser Hotel for their friends after the ceremony. This young couple have their work in Calgary for the present.

This district joins in extending congratulations and good wishes.

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GLASSES FITTED

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24th, 12:30 to 3.
24th, 3:30 to 5.

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E. W. CARTER, Agent, Irma

Irma Settles Down To Enjoy Curling

Curling in Irma got away to a good start last week.

On Wednesday afternoon a meeting of the club members held a meeting in the large well finished waiting room of the rink, at which Mr. Jack Fletcher, president, presided. The following were selected as skips: Rev. E. Longmire, Messrs. Jack Fletcher, W. N. Frickelton, R. H. Ott, Pryce-Jones, W. J. Bishop, H. L. Black and S. M. Brown.

Names were then drawn to make up the eight rinks, and games were arranged for the following evening. The membership fees were set as follows: Men, \$10.00 each; ladies and students, \$2.00 each. Regulations for the season were discussed and adopted. Mr. Floyd Fuder was appointed caretaker of the rink.

It was decided then that Wednesday and Saturday of each week would be open for games with visiting rinks or practice games. Since then, however, three more rinks have been formed, and scheduled games will be played on Wednesdays. The three new skips are Messrs. I. S. Reeds, Harry Halvorsen and Robert Hansen.

Before last Wednesday's meeting closed, Mr. Ross McFarland, on behalf of the club, presented Rev. E. Longmire with a beautiful pair of new rocks as a token of their appreciation of his valuable help in taking charge of building operations and of the hours of hard work spent all through the severe weather last winter and during the past summer and fall until the building was completed. This undertaking, salvaging the material from the old hardware store, and cutting and fitting the old lumber so that we now have one of the finest curling rinks of its size of any village in the province. Mr. Longmire made a fitting reply, thanking the club for the gift.

The ladies' four rinks have as skips: Mrs. E. Longmire, Mrs. H. L. Black, Mrs. A. C. Hockett, and Mrs. A. C. Milne.

Mr. R. H. Ott is secretary-treasurer of the curling club.

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FOR SALE—14" Great West Gang Plow. Wm. Dootson, Irma, Ph. 209.

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W. I. MEETING

The January meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ott. There were 14 members and four visitors present. The meeting opened with the singing of "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," followed by the Creed. It was decided to not hold any more raffles, instead a collection for dirty bags will be taken. Final plans were made concerning the knitting for the exhibit at the annual conference. Mrs. Enger and Mrs. McLean both read articles of interest to all members.

The sewing committee was appointed: Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. W. Stewart, Mrs. Hyska, to act for 1944. Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. McLean are to act as the sick committee.

At the close of the business Mrs. Axel had all take part in singing a "Sound."

Hostesses were: Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Long.

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Sgt. Wilkinson Home From Service In Caribbean Area

(From The Viking News)

Sgt. (Micky) Wilkinson, of the Veteran Guard of Canada, returned on Saturday, the 8th, to rejoin his wife and family, now living in Kinsella, having recently moved in from Jarrows. Sgt. Wilkinson has just returned from the Caribbean area, where he has spent several months doing work of vital importance.

It is quite true that the area in question is known as "The Land of Eternal Sunshine," but after being there a while it is also known as "The Land of Many Flies and Mosquitoes."

It is easily reached from Europe, the British Isles, Canada and the U.S.A. The various steamship companies and the P.A.A.'s offer excellent facilities, and a journey of particular interest such ports of call as Miami, Cuba, Porto Rico, and many more.

There is no spring, summer, autumn and winter out there, but there is what is known as two wet and two dry seasons, from mid-November to mid-January there is a short wet season, followed by a short dry season until mid-April, then comes a long wet season until about mid-July, then the long dry season until mid-November.

Although it is hot, the country is in the main track of the equinoctial current, therefore heat waves are practically unknown, but delightful breezes blow in from the Atlantic, these are known as "trade winds," and make the open houses pleasant, even in the greatest heat. The most suitable dress for the climate is the same thereabouts as that worn here in summer. Palm beach suits, crashees and cotton drills are reasonably comfortable, and for the "fair sex" (this term cannot apply to the native ladies who are "chocolate blonde"), the light summer dress will be found suitable all year round.

Tourists of all areas should try to visit the famous "Kaiter Falls" which is about 880', the head of which is about 1-130' above sea level.

The inhabitants of the colony are many races, including Europeans, Portuguese, East Indians, Chinese, Aborigines, Blacks, and many mixed races.

Many of the buildings are large and of wonderful architecture, the Cathedral of St. George being the highest wooden structure in the world. The colony itself offers wonderful opportunities for cricket, football, tennis, shooting, swimming, golf, dancing, jungle-hunting, etc., but at the same time a soldier on duty has his duties to perform, and cannot indulge in too much pleasure.

Like all tropical countries, there are many drawbacks, but one can always recall some pleasant memory. Nevertheless, it is very nice to be home again, to meet old friends and acquaintances.

Kinsella Kernels

Mrs. Mildred Hajek and Miss Norma Wangness returned to the city on New Year's Day, after spending the yuletide holidays with friends over the week-end.

Mrs. J. Johnston, of the Rodino district, has been visiting in town with friends over the week-end. Lac Clifford Bawden left on January 1st for Dauphin, Man.

The annual Red Cross meeting is to be held in the Municipal Offices on Monday, January 10th.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Clayton Barker, who had the misfortune to break three ribs, is home again.

The Ladies' Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Murray on Thursday, January 13.

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RADIOGRAMS FROM CJCA

Keep posted on the latest news and developments in the livestock industry of Northern Alberta, by tuning in to the snappy, early-morning show presented by Alberta Livestock Co-operative Ltd. This new fifteen-minute feature brings you important farm service talks consisting of latest market quotations, news and views on the livestock industry and useful educational features. These, together with bright, peppy music make for a top-notch farm service show. And now for the TIME of this outstanding feature: Every weekday morning—Monday thru' Saturday at 7:15 over CJCA.

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Hi there Sport fans... keeping posted on NHL developments these days? Things are getting mighty tense right now, with the Montreal Canadiens on the top rung of the ladder — Boston and Toronto battling for second place — and Chicago, Detroit and New York still with plenty of fighting spirit to bring them up from third and fourth positions! Keep posted on your favorite sport... and cheer for your favorite team — Saturday nights at 7:00 on the NHL Broadcasts over CJCA.

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POSTWAR PLANNING

Planning for the postwar era is now a popular undertaking. But no plan will ever achieve any success unless it makes provision for agriculture. If agriculture is neglected, all plans will fail for it is from agriculture that the bulk of the new wealth comes.

The soundest plan will provide first for a degree of stability for farm prices. When farmers are prosperous it is reflected in good times for the whole nation. Wheat Pool Budget.

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THE ONTARIO EXPERIMENT

A committee of 21 Ontario farmers appointed by the government of that province and representing every class of primary producer will report on what agriculture needs. In effect, the government has said to this committee: "If things as you say are not right, then tell us what is wrong and what you want done and we will try to do it."

What will evolve from the studies and recommendations of this committee will be watched with interest by farmers in the other Canadian provinces.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE WORLD OF FOODSTUFFS

Heavy rains and rust have caused considerable damage to the wheat crop in a number of districts in South Africa—The Argentine wheat crop is now estimated at 291 million bushels as compared with a preliminary estimate of 312 million bushels—The Mexican corn crop is estimated to be about 20 per cent. smaller than in 1942.

Reports indicate that efforts to increase the wheat acreage for 1944 harvest have been successful in many European countries—Australia's 1943-44 wheat crop is estimated at 97 million bushels, as compared with the previous estimate of 89 million bushels—Winter crops in southern U.S.A. have been materially benefitted by recent rains.

World of Wheat

By H. G. L. Strange,
Director "The Crop Testing
Plan."

WHO GETS THE BENEFIT

During the course of hundreds of years remarkable improvements have taken place in agricultural implements and methods.

Today one man can plough ten acres a day. In ancient times he could plough one acre a day. Today one man can harvest and thresh one hundred times more per day than he could in days of old. In olden times the farmer's working day was from sunrise to sunset, but he still has to work from sunrise to sunset, and while he enjoys easier work and a few more conveniences in his home, his standard of living is not many times better than it was.

The benefits of these improvements in agriculture, therefore, have in the main been enjoyed by others; first by industrial labor who make the implements, clothing equipment and goods farmers have to buy for their living and production (because industrial labor even insists on exceedingly high wages, which means high prices for the goods they make), and secondly, by the Government, which each year takes a tremendous toll from the farmer's income through the medium of exceedingly high tariffs and custom duties on those goods our farmers need which are imported into this country, and which high tariffs also permit very high prices to be charged for Canadian-made goods.

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FARM PAPER MAKERS TO HOME DRESSMAKERS

Home dressmaking, the art of "making over, making do, and using what you have," is today practised extensively in Canadian homes—for, in wartime, it is both patriotic and economical to "make your own things."

For some women, the making of things at home began with sewing for the Red Cross, later developing into the making of simple articles of clothing for the family. Most rural women always have made some of their own and their children's things, but, today, many are making almost all garments.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the Family Herald and Weekly Star reports it is now furnishing more readers with information than at any time in its seventy-four years of service. During 1943 over 100,000 orders for dress patterns, etc., were filled.

In offering a wide variety of patterns at minimum cost, the Family Herald not only helps thousands of housewives meet their wartime budget, but enables them to convert household remnants — the family's old, discarded garments into precious articles of clothing, many of which cannot today be bought. Add to the Family Herald's Pattern Offerings the practical dressmaking information given in its Women's Pages, the healthful recipes, the timely, economical wartime helps, and there you have sound reasons for the Family Herald's continued popularity in over 300,000 Canadian homes.

UNITED CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, January 16.
Irma—Sunday School—11 a.m.
Public Worship—7:30 p.m.
No services at outside appointments until further notice.

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ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, January 23rd, at 2 p.m.

Please take notice the change of winter months.

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CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Irma Tabernacle—2:15 p.m.—
Bible classes for all.

Gospel Service—3:30 p.m.

Hardisty, Oddfellows' Hall — 8:30 p.m.—Gospel service.

A very cordial welcome to all. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, who can know it? I, the Lord, search the heart; I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." — Jeremiah 17:9,10.

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Mr. George Manners is now able to repair harness since he had his eyes attended to, and will be glad of any work you can give him.

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Colonial Development

IN A RECENT ADDRESS given at the Guildhall in London by the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner to Britain, he stated that the British Commonwealth is "a working model of political freedom and an object lesson in collective security." He added that it is "the one tried and successful union of free peoples in the world which must have union between the nations or perish." Events of recent years have shown how strong has been the structure of the Empire, which is held together by bands of loyalty, respect, and common interest, as opposed to the forceful and brutal methods by which the Axis nations have attempted to extend their spheres of influence. In the early years of the war, when Britain's resources were taxed to the utmost, the whole Empire, from the largest Dominion to the smallest colony, rallied to her support, and Britain, in turn, has not let the stress of wartime conditions lessen her responsibility to the various members of the Commonwealth. This is especially true in relation to the smaller colonies, where in many cases the welfare of the people is to a large extent dependent upon the interest of the people and government of Britain.

Act Passed To Aid Colonies

Colonel Oliver Stanley, the British Colonial Secretary, recently toured the British colonies and brought back a report on conditions in those parts of the Empire. In July, 1940, a Colonial Welfare and Developments Act was passed by the British Parliament. This act provided for assistance to colonial governments up to a maximum of five million pounds sterling annually, for ten years. It has been in force for three years and many results have been noted. Shortages of raw materials and labour, due to wartime restrictions, have hampered many of the projects which would otherwise have been undertaken, but in spite of these difficulties it is reported that up to the end of October, 1943, three hundred and six planes of various types had been approved by the British Colonial Office. These plans included measures for health and general welfare, education, public works and agricultural and industrial developments. They were all drawn up with the object of improving the health and education of natives of the colonies, and increasing their opportunities for advancement.

British People Show Interest

Much stress has been laid upon the improvement of health services to native populations of the colonies, for it is felt that all other developments depend upon the health of the people. Large loans have been made to provide for malaria control in the West Indies and for a campaign against tropical diseases in Jamaica. Similar grants have been made for the improvement of educational facilities. Funds have been provided for the opening of children's libraries and museums, the improvement of schools and of schools for teacher training. For the development of agriculture large sums have been designated for drainage, irrigation, reforestation, and for improving crops and livestock. While most of the colonies are primarily interested in agriculture, assistance has been given in cases where local industries have been developed. These are only a few of the many projects which have been undertaken and more are to be inaugurated when wartime restrictions of labour and materials are removed. In the meantime, the people and the government of Britain are showing their sincere interest in these "junior partners" in the Commonwealth of Nations.



LIVER!

As you know, meat rations do not cover the organ meats such as heart, kidney, sweetbreads, and liver. If the restricted use of muscle meat causes you to use a greater amount of organ meats, it is a decided advantage to you, nutritionally.

You have been informed many times to eat Liver. You ask why, or which part of Liver is the most valuable from a nutritional standpoint.

The average Canadian diet may be low in iron, riboflavin and perhaps other vitamins. An average serving of Liver provides you with almost all of the iron and riboflavin needed for a day, more than the daily need of Vitamin A, and is good source of complete protein. It is also one of our good sources of thiamin (B1). No muscle meat possesses the amounts of these vitamins found in Liver.

You must remember that Liver requires careful cooking, as overcooking toughens it and destroys the flavour. When you are frying Liver, wipe it first with a damp cloth, then dip in flour to which seasonings have been added, and fry. There are many other ways of serving Liver besides frying, so give your family a pleasant surprise next time you serve Liver. Try boiling it gently, then cut into small pieces and cream. Or use it in a casserole or scalloped dish along with vegetables.

Discovers Home Skin Remedy

Reveals Dental Troubles

High Altitude Flying Has Proved Better Than X-Ray

High altitude flying reveals dental troubles that elude even the x-ray, naval doctors in the United States Pacific Fleet have found.

For instance, a naval dive-bomber pilot reported that he was always troubled with severe toothache just before going into a dive. He blamed sinus trouble.

But a test in a pressure chamber simulating the atmospheric conditions at high altitude revealed hidden decay that had not been detected by x-rays.

Studying an undisclosed number of cases, Navy doctors found:

Fifty-seven per cent. of airmen developed toothache in a pressure chamber equivalent to a height of 28,000 feet;

Twenty-three per cent. experienced pain at a reading equivalent to 18,000 feet;

Twenty per cent. began showing symptoms before reaching the equivalent of 10,000 feet.

After the hidden decay had been located and repairs carried out, the airmen experienced no further discomfort.

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At first sniffling, sneeze or nasal irritation, put a little Va-tro-nol up each nostril. It will stop the cold's progress and its effects against the cold.

And remember—when a head cold, or a cold with transient congestion "fills up" nose and spoils sleep, 3-purpose Va-tro-nol gives valuable shrinking of mucous membranes, (2) relieves irritation, (3) helps flush out the nose and clear clogging mucus. Enjoy the relief it brings.

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Royal Bank Assets

Total Now Stands At Record Figure

OF \$1,509,097,571

Now high records in practically all departments of the bank's business are revealed in the Annual Balance Sheet of The Royal Bank of Canada for the year ended November 30, 1943. Total assets, which a year ago reached the highest point in the bank's history, have again expanded, and now stand at the record figure of \$1,509,097,571 as compared with \$1,291,915,946 on November 30, 1942. Deposits have likewise reached a new high level, and now total \$1,380,769,152, an increase of more than \$216,000,000 for the year.

Moderately high loans in Canada are again moderately higher, and now stand at \$277,921,237 as compared with \$255,148,401 a year ago, an increase of over \$22,700,000. It is understood that this increase is due largely to increased borrowing by the public for the purchase of the Fifth Victory Loan. Apart from this, it is understood that many firms have found it unnecessary to borrow because of rapid turnover and prompt settlement of accounts in connection with war production. Furthermore inventories are, generally speaking, lower. Loans outside Canada show a moderate reduction.

The liquid position of the bank continues very strong, with quickly realizable assets equal to 78.09% of the bank's liabilities to the public.

There has been a marked expansion in liquid assets which now total \$1,104,703,439, as compared with \$906,440,239 a year ago. Included in these liquid assets are Dominion and Provincial securities amounting to \$641,898,620, which is an increase of \$122,000,000 as compared with last year. Cash on hand, deposits with the Bank of Canada, other cash items and bank balances also show a substantial increase and now stand at \$232,225,988 as compared with \$261,884,475 in November 1942.

Made Himself Popular

Many People Took Food Minister's Advice As Personal Matter

I doubt whether any member of the Government at Westminster, other than Churchill himself, has won so fully the confidence of the general public as has Lord Woolton, whose work as Minister of Food made him a daily presence at mealtime in most of our homes. To children who inclined to toy with their food his name was often used as a corrective, and older people regarded him as a personal adviser rather than a remote administrative power.

Many times I have been told that a certain dish was made from "Lord Woolton's recipe" or that some new idea in domestic economy was "one of Lord Woolton's."

This sense of personal relationship was carried even a stage further by one dear old lady of my acquaintance. In her remarks about house-holders she would say "He told me so-and-so just this morning" (the "he" being Lord Woolton, and the "so-and-so" some item heard in the "Kitchen Front" broadcasts). Always she regarded such information as being broadcast to her personally.

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Our Boys And Girls On Active Service

(By J. G.)

Because four of their children are still too young to enlist is probably the reason, the only one, why all nine sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Clark, Angusville, Manitoba, are not now serving overseas. Two lads are in the Canadian artillery overseas, three of the girls are serving in Canada.

Among the fellows back from overseas recently was a first division man, Pte. Johnny Falcon, Battleford. Over four years he had 17 leaves and visited Scotland and Ireland. He got a week's leave in the pond. Gunner Gilbert Deets of Biggar, Sask., also got back. In '41 he was caught in a raid as 150 planes came over. Gil said he made lots of friends there. His got so he just turned over and went to sleep when he heard the air raid sirens.

The R.C.A.F.'s new mail squadron now winging its way to Cairo, sent four sons to overseas. One son, R. D. Shultz of Battleford, Alta., one of the two man crew in a Mosquito, they went up to intercept some raiders. They first shot down a Dornier 217, flying up in mid-air, and then this plane lit right into another. Of the four bombers shot down by Fighter Command that night in England, Schultz and his pal, Williams, had got three of them. The third victim was a Mosquito. The engine and with only part of an instrument panel, the rest having been blasted away. They landed safely at an emergency field.

Pilot Officer C. E. W. Merton, Man., piloted a Beaufighter recently which brought down a Dornier, three-engined long range flying boat. He was working with the coastal command on the coast of Norway.

Lt. John J. McLaughlin, R.C.N.R., of Winnipeg, has been cited by the U.S. Navy, who with his crew went nearly 70 hours without sleep during a long night flight to the rescue of a U.S. craft and attempting a rescue by passing 300 gallons of gas by means of a garden hose. The wind was 60 m.p.h. His crew launched a boat and attached to a Canadian Formula 5000, working in the Caribbean area. In May, 1942 this gallant Canadian jumped from the plane in the middle of the night to plow through the ice and Sledges River, near Weymouth, N.S., to save a naval gunner from drowning.

One of the busiest departments of the Canadian navy was the Fleet Mail Office during the weeks preceding Christmas; postal clerks were placed on a 24-hour shift. 120 clerks and 49 Wrens handled as much as 22,000 pieces, half a million letters in one day. One of the most tried and true postal workers was Lester P. C. Eiler Mellin of Saskatoon, Sask.

Here are a group of Winnipeg veteran convalescents who say they wouldn't trade their jobs for anything in the navy: Fred Ross, Doug McKeown, Frank Bradshaw, Garnet Register and Norman Wiesman.

What were the Wrens doing Christmas day, those who weren't able to leave "ship"? Well, it was Sunday, so many were devoted to a brief Christmas service attached to a boat of Christmas. Some of them served the meal for ratings. They gathered in the fo'c'sle to hear His Majesty the King send his Christmas message to the afternoon.

A SOCIETY KNITTING RECORD
Since Canada declared war on Sept. 10, 1939, Mrs. Hannah Spencer of Galt, Ont., has knitted 859 pairs of socks for men in the services. This total averages out to one pair every 1.8 days or 43 hours, 33 1/2 minutes.

Relieves distress from MONTHLY FEMALE WEAKNESS

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound not only helps relieve monthly pain but also weak, nervous and hysterical conditions and emotional disturbances. It helps build up resistance against distress of "dumb colds." Made in Canada.

FERTILIZER STORAGE

With reference to the appeal for farmers to order and accept delivery of fertilizers now, the ideal place for the storage of fertilizers should be dry and not have any vegetables or livestock under the same roof. The fertilizer should be placed in a neat pile on planks clear of the floor and away from the walls. The reason for the neat pile is that it may be easily covered with straw, chaff, or other dry material that will also exclude air.

In munitions industries in Britain, including shipbuilding and heavy engineering, one worker in three is a woman.

THE FAMOUS OLD COUGH REMEDY FOR ALL AGES

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DON'T DELAY—BUY A BOTTLE TODAY!

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SMILE AWHILE

Large Number Studying Foreign Languages In London Schools

London.—Language schools report the number of persons studying foreign languages today to be three to four times that pre-war, civilians and soldiers alike optimistically preparing for what's to come after Adolf Hitler.

Learning Italian, German, Russian, French—even Chinese—were businessmen, British and American troops, and civilian opportunists along with the usual batches of diplomats. "And every man," a language instructor told the *United Press*, "wants to learn in a hurry."

Men and women, with eyes on the shrinking Axis map, were demanding to learn in a hurry, and to meet the requirements, language teachers were attempting to devise basic-German, basic-Italian, trying the efforts were meeting with varying success, but "basic" courses were not being taught in the big schools.

It still was taking months to develop a language student beyond the gibbering stage. The director of one school said he wouldn't regard a man as able to speak a foreign tongue in anything less than three to four years.

Some countries, Holland and Turkey among them, were conducting their own schools.

In the American army classes were running in French and Russian. Instruction on a lesser scale was being given to Spanish, Italian, German, Czech, Slovenian and Hungarian.

With the Americans the accent was "or the fundamentals." Soldiers—mostly officers, were taking the courses voluntarily, in their own spare time.

Lady—I'm afraid I'll have to return that parcel. I bought it some time ago. He shocks all my friends by his dreadful language.

Dealer—Ah, you've got to be careful how you talk before him, lady. He's terrible quick to learn.

Customer—Have you a book entitled "Man, the Master of the Home"?

Salegirl—The fiction department is on the other side, sir.

Mr. wife is a very capable woman.

"There's no doubt of it."

"Yes, she can get home 15 minutes ahead of me and look as if she had been there all day."

"I'm sorry, old man, but I make it a rule never to lend money. It ruins friendship."

"But why let that worry you? We never were what you might call wonderfully good friends, were we?"

Pat—That was a fine sentiment. Cate got off at the banquet last night.

Mike—What was it?

Pat—He said that the sweetest memories in life are the recollections of things forgotten.

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LOCALS

The W.A. are holding their annual meeting on Tuesday, January 18th, at 3 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Axel Peterson. All members are asked to bring their thankoffering boxes.

When in Irma, if you cannot find the man you want, look in the curling rink.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Mary's Church will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Peterson, January 18th, at 7 p.m. You will notice that both annuals are on the same day, and all members attending the afternoon meeting are cordially invited to stay for the evening.

The vital statistics registration at Irma for the year 1943 are as follows: Births, 13; marriages, 4; and deaths, 7.

Mr. Johnny Hines went to Edmonton last week to attend medical treatment for an injured hand.

Mrs. M. Arnold has just recovered from an attack of the 'flu.'

Mr. Julius Stougaard returned last Saturday from spending the Christmas holidays with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamilton, at Hanna, Alta.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Parke have rented the Wazney house, and will be moving shortly.

Mr. J. A. Hedley attended the annual banquet and re-union of the members of the 49th Battalion at Edmonton, Saturday evening.

Miss Jean Craig suffered painful injury to her foot Wednesday when the horse she was riding to school stumbled, and threw her to the ground.

Mrs. J. Fletcher received word recently that it was necessary for her mother, Mrs. Berg, to go into a hospital for an operation this week.

Mr. Fletcher was confined to his home for a few days this week with an attack of the 'flu.'

Mr. A. Wazny, employed by the C.N.R. at Edgerton, was in the Wainwright hospital this week suffering from a injury while at work.

Mr. Chernichan, one of the C.N.R. section men at Irma, moved last week to Smoky Lake. His son, Billie, accompanied him.

The January meeting of the W.M.S. will be held on Thursday, January 20th, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. West. Everybody welcome, and please note the change of time for that meeting. Mrs. Reed will preside, and another chapter of the book, "A Shepherd Remembers," by Leslie Weatherhead, will be studied.

Sgt. Jim Sharkey is back in the base hospital somewhere in Italy undergoing treatments for shrapnel wounds received in Sicily.

Sgt. Ed. Sharkey, somewhere overseas, has been promoted to Sgt.-Major.

L-Cpl. Frances Quinlan has returned to Quebec to finish her N.C.O.'s instructor's course.

Mrs. Geo. Quinlan returned from Chilliwack, B.C., going there December 27th after receiving word of Mr. C. J. Quinlan's death.

Mrs. Jack Carswell, of Cranbrook, B.C., and Mrs. Bessie Ward, Edmonton, spent New Year's with their father, Mr. E. E. Sharkey, and other relatives.

The Victory Volunteer Workers are able to report quite a successful year's work during 1943. Twenty-four quilts were completed, all wool being washed and carded by members, and quite a few tops being pieced. Three sales of hot dogs and ham-burgers were held during this time, the first being held in Hardisty on Saturday, July 24th, bringing a profit of \$29.33; the second in Irma, Saturday, September 11th, clearing \$33.49; and the third being held at the sale of Roy Bronson, November 4th; \$26.68 being cleared, also two cash donations were given: \$10.00 for Community Chest, and \$10.00 for Salvation Army, this leaving a total of \$76.83 in funds. We sincerely wish to thank everyone for helping in any way to make this year such a grand success for us.



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Manitoba Farmers Set Example

It is difficult indeed to find topics for these articles of equal interest to all our readers from the Red River to the Peace River. Obviously, we cannot deal with matters of purely local importance. While this is really a salute to Manitoba farmers, it merits the attention of all.

Even since this Department was organized we have heard, above all, two problems—Weeds and Soil Conservation. If you, in your district, were to organize a meeting to discuss prices, debt legislation, or farm labour, you would be sure of support. But suppose you were to arrange a meeting on the sole purpose of studying weeds problem. How many farmers would come? Well, on November 30, the Minister of Agriculture for Manitoba called such a meeting. For nearly four hours, 136 farmers sat on hard seats completely absorbed with the problem of controlling leafy spurge. For the first time, the Manitoba Department of Agriculture has co-operated with municipal officials and other farmers in a program to conquer this weed. Fifty municipalities were represented at the meeting. Results of control methods by chemicals, by tillage and by sheep were discussed, and many other methods of work more effective were studied.

Government agriculturists have learned that they must get better acquainted with the farmer himself. Farmers have discovered that the professionally trained agriculturist has something to offer. Leafy spurge is in for a tough time in Manitoba. The spirit will detect weeds and preserve soils anywhere, and these two goals can be reached no other way.

On behalf of the Line Elevator Sponsors, as well as on our own, we wish our readers a Merry Christmas and a New Year that will bring peace.

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Health Certificates for Seed—A Definite Post-War Plan

At present, there is no single laboratory where farmers may obtain information on the general health of seed samples. It is impossible to obtain maximum yields of high quality grain, unless the following considerations receive due attention:

1. Pure seed of a suitable variety.
2. Good cropping and tillage practices.
3. A high percentage of seeds capable of vigorous germination.
4. Absence of seed-borne diseases or provision for control.
5. The quantity and kind of weed seeds in the seed.

Item three has received the attention for three years. Confidence in our test has been well maintained and demands on the service have increased as follows:

1940-41 — 4,934 samples

1941-42 — 9,083 samples

1942-43 — 11,078 samples

Judging from receipts to date, we shall be able to test about 13,000 samples this year.

Many farmers are asking for information on seed-borne diseases, the necessity for seed treatment, and on weed seeds. As a result, we have been authorized by our Line Elevator sponsors to announce, as a post-war plan, the expansion of our laboratory facilities so as to provide for the following: grain examination of cereal crop seeds. For the first year, we shall undertake to make complete tests on wheat only, continuing with germination tests on oats, barley, rye and fax.

Care must be prepared to meet competition on the world wheat market. To do so we must maintain our reputation for high quality and this plus service to the individual farmer, is our purpose.

FIVE MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS MERGED INTO ONE

TO BE KNOWN AS
KILLAM M.D. NO. 390KINSELLA M.D.
SWALLOWED UP
IN NEW UNIT

(From The Viking News)

A new enlarged Municipal District to be known as the Killam Municipal District No. 390 has been ordered erected by the Hon. C. E. Gerhart, Minister of Municipal Affairs. It shall consist of seven divisions, with one councillor to be elected from each division.

Tuesday, February 8th, 1944 has been affixed for the day of receiving nominations and the place is the office of the former M.D. of Sterling at Killam. If a poll is required for any division it shall be held on Tuesday, February 22nd, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Voters lists are now being prepared.

The new enlarged district shall be composed of:

The Municipal District of Flagstaff, No. 364, the Municipal District of Asquith, No. 394, the Municipal District of Wheatland, No. 395, the Municipal District of Kinsella, No. 424, and the Municipal District of Sterling, No. 425, the following area:

All of Township 39, Ranges 10, 11, 12 and 13 lying north of the Battle River; all of Township 40, Ranges 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, lying north of the Battle River; all of Township 40, Range 10, lying north of the Battle River; all of Township 40, Ranges 11 and 12; all of Township 41, Ranges 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15; all the above described lands being west of the Fourth Meridian.

That the area included by this Order within the above described boundaries of the Municipal District of Killam, No. 390, shall be, and is divided into seven divisions, for electoral purposes, described as follows:

Division No. 1 — All of Township 39, Ranges 10, 11 and 12, lying north of the Battle River; all of Township 40, Range 10, lying north of the Battle River; all of Township 40, Ranges 11 and 12; all of Township 41, Ranges 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15; all the above described lands being west of the Fourth Meridian.

Division No. 2 — All of Township 39, Range 13, lying north of the Battle River; all of Township 40, Ranges 13, 14 and 15, lying north of the Battle River; all of Township 41, Ranges 13, 14 and 15; all the south one-third of Township 42, Ranges 13, 14 and 15; all the above described lands being west of the Fourth Meridian.

Division No. 3 — All of Townships 42 and 43, Ranges 10, 11 and 12; all the above described lands being west of the Fourth Meridian.

Division No. 4 — All of the north two-thirds of Township 42, Ranges 13, 14 and 15; all of Township 43, Ranges 13, 14 and 15; all the above described lands being west of the Fourth Meridian.

Division No. 5 — All of Townships 44, 45 and 46, Ranges 10 and 11; all the above described lands being west of the Fourth Meridian.

Division No. 6 — All of Townships 44, 45 and 46, Ranges 12 and 13; all the above described lands being west of the Fourth Meridian.

Division No. 7 — All of Townships 44, 45 and 46, Ranges 14 and 15; all the above described lands being west of the Fourth Meridian.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Curling Club was held in the waiting room of the curling rink last Saturday evening. There was a good attendance, and keen interest was taken by the ladies in the proceedings.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. L. Svalik; vice-president, Mrs. P. Nordstrom; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Thunell.

The ladies will use the ice Tuesday and Saturday evenings of each week.

Following is the personnel of the rinks, first named being skip; third, second; and lead.

Mrs. Loney, Verna Hardy, Dorothy Wesley, Nellie Gares.

Mrs. Gilpin, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Hutchinson, Miss Fowler.

Mrs. Thunell, Mrs. Pickering, Mrs. Lefsrud, Olga Balaban.

Mrs. McGregor, Lorraine Brown, Mrs. Brimacombe, Mary Mattinson.

Mary Slavik, Mrs. Jacobson, Mrs. Nordstrom, Mae Kelly.

Ruth McLaren, Mrs. Haney.

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